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OFF MOUNT DESERT ROCK.

Mackerel Have Been Schooling for Three Days.

The light keeper at Mount Desert Rock rowed to Southwest Harbor this morning and reported that mackerel had been schooling for three days off the rock and that there were no seiners there. Mr. Stanley, to whom he told the news, immediately telegraphed the information to Mr. Orlando Merchant in this city.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, came home from the Cape Shore this forenoon. Capt. Morgan reports the prospect off Sydney to be poor. Once in a while a school will show, but they are very scarce.

FROM FAR FROZEN NORTH

Sch. Admiral Dewey, First Fletcher, Arrived Today.

FLEET ARE ALL COMING HOME

Reported Not as Well Fished as Last Year.

Sch. Admiral Dewey, Capt. James Hayes, arrived this morning, being the first of the fished halibut fleet to arrive home from the far away frozen north this season. The Dewey has 100,000 pounds of fitches, and Capt. Hayes reports that the other six vessels of the fleet are all on the way.

In speaking of the season up north and what the vessels had done, Capt. Hayes told a TIMES representative that the vessels fished farther north than ever, except when they went to Iceland in years gone by. This season most of the fish taken were caught in the vicinity of the 60th parallel of latitude, near the entrance of Davis' strait. The fleet stayed well to the northward all the season, as in speaking of the trip Capt. Hayes referred to 56 latitude as "to the southward," and this latter is the northern limit for the fresh halibut who fish up the Labrador coast in the summer.

The Admiral Dewey left here early in May and, as usual with the fitchers went to Bay Bulls, where the final arrangements for the voyage were made. The craft left there for the north on May 18 and until she arrived back there September 15, she never went to land once, but remained on the fishing grounds all the time. Whenever water was needed, all that was necessary to do, was to row to the

nearest iceberg, chop off a plentiful supply of ice, bring it back on board and a supply of pure water was soon forthcoming.

Capt. Hayes says the fleet is not as well fished as last year. Fish were not plentiful and fishing operations during the early part of the season were badly hampered by an unusual amount of field and floe ice on the grounds. Icebergs were numerous at all times, but these did not interfere with fishing as did the field ice moving swiftly on with the strong tide. This latter caused the loss of a big lot of trawls and all the vessels suffered in this direction. It was not uncommon to set the gear right in among icebergs. During the last of the season, the weather became very bad and fish days were scarce. So bad did it become that finally the fleet was obliged to give up fishing for the season and put back for their bases of supplies on the Newfoundland coast and get ready to come home.

In speaking of what the other vessels of the fleet had, Capt. Hayes said that the Blanche was high line with 130,000 pounds and that the Corona probably had in the neighborhood of 100,000 pounds, but the rest of the fleet, he thought, had under 100,000 pounds, the lowest having but 50,000 pounds. He said that as far as he knew the fleet had met with no disasters and no loss of life.

When Capt. Hayes was at Bay Bulls last week, there were several of the salt bank fleet there and most of them were poorly fished. Among the crafts there were schs. Lucinda I. Lowell, Elizabeth N., Orpheus and Independence II. The latter craft was an exception to the general report, having done quite well and had secured a big baiting of squid and was going out again. At the time she was at Bay Bulls she had 230,000 pounds of salt cod.

All the fitchers are now on the way home and their fares are reported as follows: Blanche, 130,000 pounds; Corona, 120,000 pounds; Puritan, 90,000 pounds; Atlanta, 52,000 pounds; Carrie W. Babson, 70,000

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Admiral Dewey, Davis Strait, 100,000 lbs. fished halibut, 59 bbls. halibut fins.

Sch. Nelson Y. McFarland, Georges, 18,000 lbs. cod.

Sch. Gladiator, Le Have Bank, 10,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. fished halibut, 10,000 lbs. cod, 5000 lbs. fresh hake, 20 swordfish.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Cape Shore, 149 bbls salt mackerel.

Sch. Grayling, seining.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, seining.

Sch. S. F. Maker, seining.

Sch. Golden Hope, seining.

Sch. Corsair, seining.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, via Boston.

Sch. Arthur Binney, seining.

Sch. Rebecca Bartlett, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Ellen F. Gleason, shore.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, shore.

Sch. Canopus, pollocking.

Sch. Arrow, shore.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, shore.

Sch. Frank Munroe, shore.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.

Sloop Gardner Heath, shore.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.

Torchers, for the week, 150 bbls. Lerring.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.25 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 for large, \$3.25 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.15; medium cod, \$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of Le Have bank, \$2.15, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50; Eastern haddock, \$1; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, 70c.

Rips cod, \$4.37 1-2 for large and \$3.40 for medium.

Bay of Fundy, salt mackerel, \$17.25 per bbl.

Rips salt mackerel, \$20.00 per bbl.

Georges halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 5 1-2 cts. for gray

Outside sales of salt bank cod, \$3.80 per cwt. for large, \$3.55 for medium and \$2.00 for snappers.

Mackerel Notes.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, arrived from off North Sydney last night with 149 barrels of salt mackerel. The trip was taken in three sets, and when the Smith left for home there were seven seiners there. Capt. Corkum came home for the fall suit of sails for his vessel and will return as he considers the prospect good for a trip of mackerel off Sydney.

Twenty five barrels of fresh mackerel from Yarmouth, N. S., arrived at Boston today.

Boston.

Sch. Rapidan, 12,000 pollock.

Sch. Dido, 5000 haddock, 5500 cod, 600 halibut.

Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, 1000 haddock, 9000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 25,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 6000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Muriel, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 6000 hake, 5000 cusk, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1; pollock, \$1; cusk, \$1.50.

VERY POOR SEASON.

Few Lunenburg Bankers Will Reach 1000 Quintal Limit.

Reports from Lunenburg, the chief fishing centre of the Maritime Provinces, indicate that the catch of the bank fleet is very small. Probably 20 vessels will reach the thousand quintal limit. The great trouble was the scarcity of bait. This is attributed to various causes, but more especially to the dogfish, which experts maintain are the great enemy of the bait fish.

First Smelt of the Season.

The first large lot of smelt this season has reached the Boston markets from Canadian ports. There were 25 boxes double the usual shipping size, and the fish in them were large and well preserved. The commissioners asked 15 cents to 18 cents a pound wholesale, and got it easily. The fish arrived a little ahead of the season which opens in this country October 1.

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